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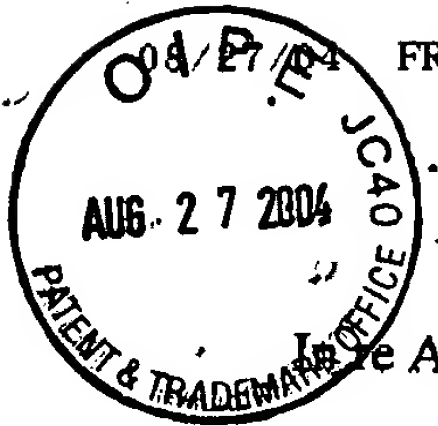
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1. Transmittal Letter for Submission of Issue Fee (1)
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3. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages)

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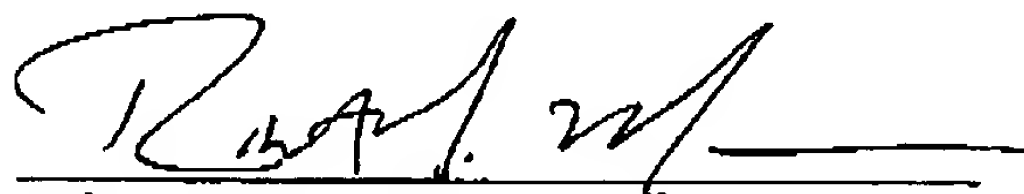
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR SUBMISSION OF ISSUE FEE

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed July 30, 2004, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$1,330.00, as well as \$3.00 for one additional soft copy of the patent, and any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account 13-3092, Order No. MICS:0053/FLE (99-0326). Also enclosed are Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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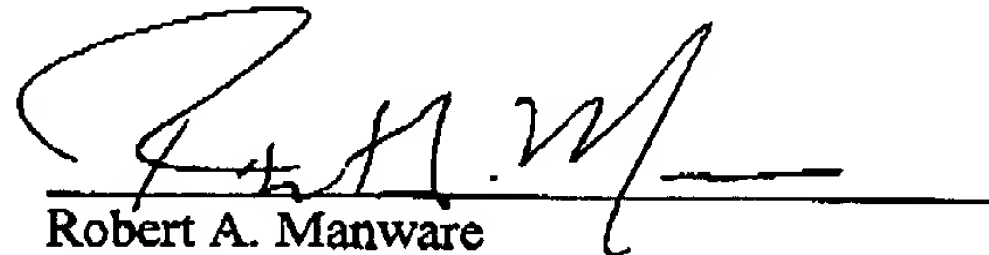
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

On July 30, 2004, a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed for the above-referenced application. In this paper, the Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Although Applicants acknowledge gratefully the Examiner's Allowance of the present claims, Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance.

The Examiner quotes a paragraph from the Appeal Brief submitted by Applicants on May 10, 2004. However, Applicants emphasize that the claims are allowable for other reasons mentioned throughout the prosecution of the application. Indeed, not all features of the present claims are quoted in the paragraph cited by the Examiner nor are all of the limitations from the quoted paragraph recited in the present claims. However, to the extent the Examiner is trying to quote claim language, Applicants agree with the Examiner.

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